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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(As of 2400)

1. As of 2400 the latest situation report []
[] Santo Domingo [] states that as of 2100
hours:

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a. Firing heard from chancery less than
past several nights. This may indicate many
getting tired of situation. Exact information
difficult to obtain as telephone service worsened.

b. Colonel Despradel, brother of Police
Chief General Despradel, []

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[] at 1930 hours reported that
situation at Fortaleza Ozama was bad but not
as desperate as reported earlier. Colonel
Despradel thought he might be able to hold
out against planned attacks against the for-
tress.

c. There was no contact of major impor-
tance between loyalist troops and rebels during
the day. Indications are that rebels greatest
strength is in downtown area. Navy frogmen con-
tinue to be among most active and effective of
rebel forces.

d. The loyalist forces still are not work-
ing together effectively and probably will not
be able to organize and coordinate their action.
Communications remain poor, and Radio San
Isidro is off air because of power failure.

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e. Communist Party (PSPD) garrisons are sending contingents into the outskirts of the city to take over small loyalist posts. The PSPD garrisons are well equipped with weapons, grenades, and molotov cocktails. The pro-Castro 14th of June Political Group (APCJ) probably has the best equipped garrisons in terms of arms and ammunition.

2. It now appears that a total of 144 transport planes are being used to transport the two battalions of the 82nd Airborne Division to San Isidro.

3. The OAS meeting scheduled for tonight has now begun.

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